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TITLE OF INVENTION: LOWER COMPLEXITY LAYERED MODULATION SIGNAL PROCESSOR

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)
10/532,632	CHEN ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit
Emmanuel Bayard	2611

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 10/19/07.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-42, 45, 47-49, 53, 55-57, 61 and 63.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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DETAILED ACTION

This is in response to RCE filed on 10/19/07 in which claims 1-42, 45, 47-49, 53, 55-57, 61 and 63 are pending. The applicant's amendments have been fully considered therefore this case is in condition for allowance. In addition the pending claims have been renumbered as 1-52 respectively.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior arts of record fail to anticipate or render obvious the following recited features: assigning first symbols to the upper layer signal portion of the encoded combined upper layer signal and the lower layer signal and assigning second symbols to the upper layer signal portion of the encoded combined upper layer signal and the lower layer signal and delaying the first symbols as recited in claims 1, 9 and 17. Delaying the input signal; demodulating the delayed input signal to produce a lower layer signal; combining the upper layer signal and the lower layer signal; and decoding the combined upper layer signal and the lower layer signal as recited in claims 25, 31 and 37. Re-encoding and remodulating the upper layer signal; extracting the lower layer signal from the input signal by subtracting the re-encoded and remodulated upper layer signal from the input signal as recited in claims 45, 48, 53, 56 and 61.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

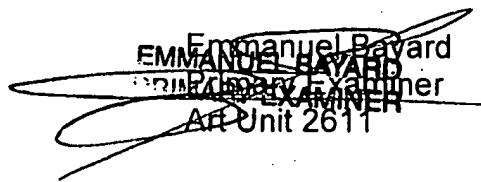
Yamaguchi et al U.S. Pub No 2002009141 A1 teaches a video encoding and decoding apparatus:

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel Bayard whose telephone number is 571 272 3016. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (7:Am-4:30PM) Alternate Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on 571 272 3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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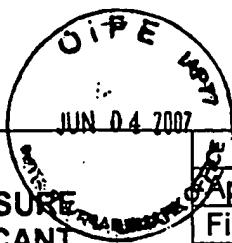
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